

# AACL Disciplinary and Fair Play Guidelines



# AACL Disciplinary Rules

## **GOAL:**

Goal of this document is to define the overall common sense guideline; this document cannot capture any all scenario can happen on the ground during the match. The expectation is that whenever any incident happen during the match team captains must try to resolve the issue and this document should be the last resolution.

## **1. BASIC PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES**

- A. All Cricket Clubs part of AACL shall operate a Disciplinary Policy in accordance with the current Disciplinary Rules operating within the jurisdiction of the AACL.
- B. These rules shall apply to all clubs and Representative matches played under the auspices of AACL and any training sessions, matches or functions organized by the AACL.

## **2. MAINTENANCE OF DISCIPLINE**

- A. The Club Management Committee is the authoritative body in respect of discipline within the Club and shall take whatever measures are required to maintain an acceptable standard of behavior and apply appropriate penalties.
- B. A Disciplinary panel shall be appointed by the Club Management Committee and will deal promptly with any complaint or incident. The Disciplinary Committee shall comprise 3 Club Members who shall be appointed prior to the season's commencement. One of these 3 members will be appointed Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.

## **3. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- a. All players, officials and supporters are bound by the AACL Disciplinary Rules and shall conduct themselves accordingly.
- b. Unsatisfactory conduct shall include, but not be limited to:
  - Dissent at an umpire's decision or reaction in a provocative or disapproving manner, whether verbal or written.
  - Physical abuse, intimidation, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, official, player or spectator.
  - The inappropriate use of crude, foul or abusive language or the making of offensive gestures or hand signals whether directed at an individual or otherwise.
  - Sledging or deliberate distraction of an opponent and persisting appealing in order to pressurise an umpire or opponent.
  - Any form of abuse or discrimination, relating to race, religion, creed, or any other nature.

- Willful damage to property, equipment or playing surface.
- The use or distribution of illegal drugs or substances.
- Ungentlemanly conduct or any other action that is likely to bring the AACL, Club or Game of Cricket into disrepute or prejudice its good name or interests.
- Repeated infringements of the Spirit of the Game either by an individual or a team, where each infringement, in itself, does not merit any immediate disciplinary action. (Such instances will result in a Disciplinary Hearing and the captain will be held responsible for the conduct of his team.)
- Unacceptable behavior, by word or action, at any function organized by the Club.
- Presenting for a playing day intoxicated by alcohol or other drugs.
- Repeated failure to abide by team and club match-day expectations, after discussion with the team Captain.

#### **4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING DISCIPLINE**

##### **a. Club**

The Club has the overall responsibility for the behavior of its members and maintaining discipline.

##### **b. Captain**

The Captain is responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws. Failure to take suitable action against an offender may render the captain liable to a charge of 'Unsatisfactory Conduct'.

#### **5. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING AN INCIDENT**

In the event of an incident occurring, Club will instigate investigation and take appropriate action against offenders, irrespective of whether the incident has been reported to the AACL.

## 6. PLAYERS

### a. Outstanding Disciplinary Action

- i. No player who is currently under suspension or involved in uncompleted disciplinary action imposed by any AACL or member club may play in matches for any club part of AACL.
- ii. Club may refuse to register any player until the Club is satisfied that the player's disciplinary status is acceptable.
- iii. Current players awaiting a disciplinary hearing shall be allowed to continue playing pending the outcome of the proceedings.

## 7. REPORTING AN INCIDENT

- A. If incident happen during the league match or practice match between clubs who are member of AACL, both captain should try to resolve the issue on the ground, if both captain are able to resolve the issue both team are entitled to get fair play point and can be nominated for fair play.
- B. If both captain can not resolve the issue then incidents of misconduct or improper behavior must be notified in writing to the AACL **Disciplinary panel** no later than 5 days following the incident. Any complaints reported outside this time will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Club Secretary/manager. The complaint should be supported with evidence such as written statements from witnesses and other documents.
- C. Upon receipt of such complaint, the AACL **Disciplinary panel** shall give notice to the Respondent and copy the evidence in support.

## 8. CONVENING A DISCIPLINARY HEARING

The **AACL** Disciplinary panel shall convene a Disciplinary Hearing within 14 days of receipt of the complaint and shall notify the Complainant and the Respondent of the date. It is the responsibility of the Complainant and the Respondent to present evidence, including arranging the attendance of witnesses, at the Disciplinary Hearing.

## 9. Offences

The four levels of offence that may be committed by a player, team or team official are set out below, together with the range of penalties that may be imposed in respect of any breach.

### **9.1. Level 1 Offences**

The penalty for a Level 1 offence shall be a written reprimand second offence a one-match suspension.

- 1) Abuse of cricket equipment, clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.
- 2) Showing dissent at an Umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.
- 3) Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of obscene gestures.
- 4) Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner by a member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman.

### **9.2 Level 2 Offences**

The penalty for a Level 2 offence is a 1 suspension.

- a) Showing serious dissent at an Umpire's decision by action or verbally.
- b) Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with another player or players in the course of play.
- c) Charging or advancing towards the Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- d) Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction of another player on the field of play.
- e) Throwing the ball at or near a player, Umpire or official in an inappropriate and dangerous manner.
- f) Using language and/or gestures that are obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, Umpire, team official or person attending.
- g) Changing the condition of the ball.
- h) In the case of the captain of a team, any attempt to manipulate a match with regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points or otherwise.
- i) Commission of two Level 1 offences within 12 months (including in the same match).

### **9.3 Level 3 Offences.**

The penalty for a Level 3 offence is a suspension of a minimum of 2 matches.

- a) Attempted intimidation of an Umpire, whether by language or conduct.
- b) Threat of assault on another player, team official or person attending.
- c) Using language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, color, descent and national or ethnic origin.
- d) Commission of two Level 2 offences within 12 months (including in the same match).

#### **9.4 Level 4 Offences.**

The penalty for a Level 4 offence is a suspension of a minimum of 3 matches to 5 matches ban. Alternatively, in light of the seriousness of the offences, the penalty may be a suspension for a period of a minimum of three months' ban.

- a) Threat of assault on an Umpire.
- b) Physical assault on another player, umpire, official or person attending.
- c) Any act of violence on the field of play.
- d) Using language or gestures that seriously offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, color, descent and national or ethnic origin.
- e) Commission of two Level 3 offences within 12 months.

## AACL Fair Play Guidelines

AACL fair play guidelines are very simple and to keep the spirit of the game high. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

1. Your opponents
2. Your own captain
3. The roles of the umpires
4. The game's traditional values

### **Key Factor:**

**Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution towards this.**

### **How to nominate for fair play?**

**If captain/umpire or team member observe someone or overall team contributing to above point to maintain spirit of the game, they can nominate other team or player for fair play, each fair play earn a team or player 3 points.**

*Note: a player cannot nominate his team or team member for fair play, it need to be earned from umpire or opposite team.*

